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An Axe To Grind

By SYLVIA HUNTER

The old man smiled to himself, as the ancient, betasseled surrey jogged along the wide, shady road.

Looking up, Brim saw Doc. Whipple, the village lawyer, coming up the road.

"Howdy, Henry, goin' after the girls? Some little s'prise Miss Hitabel's planned for them, ain't it? Bet they're wondering what's the point in coming up here for two weeks when the will could've been read in half an hour! Wal, they'll find there's no axe to grind in this case," greeted Doc., with a twinkle in his eye, which did not escape the old farmer.

Bidding Doc. good-day, he continued his meditations and his progress. "Which one of the three girls would earn her great-aunt's fortune?" Miriam, who had always catered to the wealthy old lady; Ruth, who frequently answered "I won't" to her aunt's requests, or Jane, who as Miriam said, "wasn't old enough to have developed a 'personality'."

Still pondering, and chuckling his shrewd appreciation of Miss 'Hitabel's shrewd trick, he drew up beside the platform of the single-room station with its two high wooden benches, back to back, in the center of the waiting room, and the small office where the telegraph receiver ticked out a code message.

The old man had no more than 'How de do'd' Jim, the sandy-haired station agent, when the 11-45 whistled in. As the train slowed to a stop, a brown-haired girl

with dancing blue eyes and a wide gamin smile appeared on the tiny platform, and, spying the old man in the doorway, called a joyous greeting. At sight of her, his eyes lighted gladly; the light changing to a quizzical gleam as two other girls appeared behind her. The second girl greeted him calmly, while the third smiled an indifferent greeting.

Having assisted the two older girls into the surrey, he climbed into the front seat where Jane, with reins in hand, had already seated herself.

"Think you can handle that horse, Janey?" he asked, as his eyes slyly twinkled. "Look at that muscle," she replied, as she proffered her arm for inspection.

Both laughed at this old joke, for Jane's first driving lesson had been earned when, by turning the grindstone she had sufficiently developed her muscle, according to Brim, "to handle a horse."

"Well girls, things are just about the same as usual, barring one change, and I won't bring that up, for you all know what I mean.

Rachel and me are right pleased to have you girls for a couple of weeks to hearten us up a little, and set things a-going. Everything seems like it's come to a dead stop since Miss Mehitable left us.

Well, here, here we are. Careful, Janey," as that young lady leapt from the vehicle and headed straight for the wide-open shed door, where stood an old grindstone. Past

this she flew, and into the kitchen, whence Rachel, a tall, angular woman with a kindly face, was taking up the dinner.

"Rachel, you old darling. I smell fried chicken, and I simply can't wait to eat some of it."

"Well, now, child, I'm mighty glad to see you, and I'm right happy to please you. Everything's ready up-stairs, and I'll get dinner on in a jiffy while you're cleaning up," beamed Rachel.

Having removed the soil of their journey, the three hungry girls hastened downstairs, where Brim and Rachel awaited them with beaming faces.

Brim's voice quavered slightly as he said the grace his beloved mistress had always used.

Dinner over, Brim said, "Well, youngsters, when you'n' Rachel have finished the dishes and cleared everything away, come on out and see the new family of kittens in the haymow."

He arose slowly, and clumped out of the room.

"O, Rachel, do let's hurry these dishes 'n' things, I do so love kittens! C'mon, Marian, you always clear the table, you know, and Ruth, you get the dish pan out, and find some fresh driers, there aren't any on the rack behind the stove," said Jane, gayly. "I'll wash, Rachel will dry; and you put 'em away, Ruth."

"O, Jane, you make me tired with your eternal energy, you know I've a headache and Ruth hasn't really gotten over her train-sickness yet," complained Marian, "I'm not overanxious to see those kittens anyhow, they're just like every other family Tilda ever had, anyway, O, my head aches so, I shall have to go up and lie down, come on, Ruthie."

"All right. Rachel and I'll do it all today, I'm truly sorry, Marian, I didn't know your headache was so bad."

"Janey," said Rachel, "you mustn't stay in here and work, you go rest, too, while I finish these dishes, there aren't many to do, and I'll be through in a jiffy. If you don't want to rest, go along out and see those kittens, there's a pure white one this time."

Jane and Rachel did the dishes together, and then went out to see Tilda's latest family.

"The girls didn't feel well, so they went up to rest," Jane told Brim, who showed

none of the signs of offense which she had feared.

"Wall, that's right too bad, I surely do hope they'll feel better tonight," said Brim. "Miss Marian always liked kittens; I remember she used to want to be the first to show a new batch of Tildy's kittens to Miss Hitabel. She always did go out of her way to be interested in the things that pleased Miss Hitabel; 's too bad she couldn't come out 's afternoon. Mebbe she c'n see 'em tomorrow, tho', if Tildy doesn't move 'em.

Marian did not see the kittens though, that day, or for a whole week, nor did Ruth. They lay out in the hammock under the apple trees, and Marian said it seemed as if her head got worse instead of better, and Ruth felt that the best she could do was to spend all her time "reading to Mar", who's head hurt so."

Brim accepted the excuse for a week, then one night after the girls had gone to bed and he and Rachel sat near the big kitchen stove talking, he said, "Marian's no more sick than Jane is. She'n Ruth are just lazy, Rachel, like their father before 'em."

"Oh, I don't think you should be so hard on them Henry, Janey's so sweet to 'em they wouldn't purposely leave her to do all the work."

"Henry, have you any idea which one will get it?" she asked, but when her answer was rewarded only by a vacant stare from Henry, she settled back in her chair, content to wait 'till he saw fit to tell her his opinions, he seldom told her things beforehand any way.

The next morning Brim went out to get the scythe ready for mowing. The grass along the lane had grown tall, and must needs be cut. He called to the girls who were in the garden cutting flowers saying, "Who wants to turn the grindstone while I sharpen this scythe?" Ruth and Marian apparently did not hear him, but Jane came running around the house with her arms full of flowers, which she dumped into a pail of water near the door, and said, "I will, Brim."

The scythe blade sharpened, Brim thanked her and swung off down the lane, laying low the tall grass as he went.

"Strange," thought Brim, "but Jane's always willing to do things to help other folks, and yet the other girls never seem really unwilling."

Next morning Rachel said, "Henry, I wish you'd split some wood for me, lots of nice dry sticks; the pile got wet last night, in the rain, and I want to can raspberries today.

After breakfast Brim got several axes out and said "Guess I'd better sharpen two or three of 'em, so's I won't have to bother sharpenin' one every five minutes; want to help by turning the grindstone girls?"

The girls went out to the shed with him, and Brim leaned three axes against the door-casing near the grindstone. He turned; and tilted the tin can filled with water so that it would trickle down onto the wheel while he was grinding the axe.

"Want to grind first, Ruthie?" he asked. Ruth picked up the axe with the least nicked blade and handed it to him then turned the wheel until it was sharpened.

When she had finished Marian said, "May I be next?" She picked up the second axe, handed it to him, and turned the wheel until it was ground. The third was rusty and full of nicks, and would take a long time to grind. Jane passed it to the old man and commenced to turn the wheel whistling a tune in time with the rhythmic rotation.

Meanwhile, Brim teased her about whistling girls, and crowing hens.

When it was done, he thanked her, picked them all up and took them into the big shed and commenced to cut the wood Rachel needed.

After dinner he asked the girls to remain at the table, as he wished to speak to them seriously for a few minutes.

He went to Miss Mehitable's old secretary in the library and took from it a stiff, rolled paper. Seating himself at the table, he said, "Wal, girls, you've probably been expecting

that your aunt's fortune was equally divided among you, wal, that ain't the case."

Jane glanced up at him, round-eyed wonder in her face, Ruth stared at her fingernails, and Brim imagined he saw the flicker of a self-satisfied smile on Marian's smooth face.

"Ennyway, here's her will."

I, Mehitable, Lord of the town of Vernon, County of Winton, State of Vermont, being of sound mind, memory and understanding, do make, publish, and declare the following as and for my last will and testament; that is to say:

First, I hereby revoke all wills, codicils, and testamentary instruments by me any time heretofore made.

Second: I give and bequeath to that one of my three nieces who, in the estimation of my Supt. (Henry Brimfield) shall most willingly turn the grindstone while he grinds the old, nicked axe once belonging to my father, two-thirds of my entire estate, the other third to be divided equally between the two remaining nieces.

Third, I nominate and appoint Caleb H. Whipple, executor of this, my last will and testament, and direct that no bond be required of him by reason of such appointment.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal at my residence in the town of Vernon, this 20th day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and eight.

Mehitable Lord.

Jane blushed painfully, but looking up to her sisters she said, "Well, it doesn't make much difference, I'll share it all with you, just as tho' the shares had been equally divided.

Winning A Novice Championship

By NORMA BROGGI

In May, 1928, I went with Miss McIntire and a few of her commercial students to visit Bay Path Institute. We saw the various phases of the commercial course activities, but the typewriting department interested me most. It was perhaps this spark of interest which increased gradually and made me determine to become an efficient, speedy typist. The Bay Path students seemed very superior for they were learned in an art that was as yet a mystery to me.

When I joined a typewriting class the following September my anxiety to become expert quickly retarded my progress, for I was too eager. I did not know the maxim that too much enthusiasm puts out the fire. The first few days brought nothing but discouragement, but gradually I acquired the knack of it and hope rose within me. Day after day my thoughts turned to typewriting, when my other lessons were over. I soon found myself at the head of the class in lesson work; but I wanted more speed!

By the end of October I was writing at the rate of about thirty words a minute, and in November I received nearly all the thirty word awards. My teacher, at this time, often told me that if I kept doing good work there might be a chance for me to enter the State Contest May 24th. The vision of this goal prompted new eagerness and determination. I practiced even more than before, putting in about four hours daily in school.

May 17th Lorraine Wilson, Rebelle Vancini and I entered the Bay Path Contest sponsored by the Commercial Teachers' Association. Miss McIntire had hoped that Rebelle Vancini and Lorraine Wilson would

make a good showing but she did not expect me to do so well, because I was only a beginner and most of those who entered were either second-year or third-year students. I entered merely for the sake of experience in contest work so that I might make a good showing at the State Contest to be held the following Saturday, May 24th. I typed as carefully and speedily as I knew how, and I won third prize, a bronze medal. The results of this contest brought home to me the value of a clear head and the absence of nervousness.

After the contest, all who were to enter into another the next Saturday, including myself, suffered a relapse; we could not type accurately! Our teacher was on the verge of cancelling our trip! Knowing that this meant disgrace, I put forth every ounce of energy I possessed to type well. Our teacher became hopeful once more and she told us that we were going to leave for Worcester the next day.

This State Contest is sponsored by the Massachusetts Commercial Teachers with the hope of making pupils of Massachusetts more efficient typists.

As our mascot we took Miss McIntire's brass pig, which has accompanied Agawam pupils on many victorious trips. It excited many amusing comments from teachers and students. Even Mr. Hossfield, the World's Champion typist, cast an amused glance our way when he saw the pig between my desk and Alma Smith's. When at last everything was in readiness, the whistle blew to start. I was not a bit excited at the start, but the knowledge that I was making errors made me very nervous. I steeled my nerves, for I knew that I could

not possibly make sixty words per minute if I continued making errors. Luckily I did type more accurately. Had I not controlled myself when I did, a trip to Richmond would have been lost, for the matter of a word or two. As sixty words per minute entitles the winner to the free trip to the International Typewriting Contest, the making of more mistakes would have brought my net speed down to fifty-eight or fifty-nine words per minute. That would have been tragic for I was capable of much better work.

I do not think I shall ever experience such a thrill as sped through me when my name was announced a winner of the first place in the first-year, or Novice group. I was almost in tears for I had no idea that I had won. Although Lorraine Wilson had won first place in the second-year class and had achieved as much success as I, she was not entitled to any free trip, for only first-year students can enter the Novice group in the International Typewriting Contest. These two victories gave our school the Amateur and Novice Championship of Massachusetts. Alma Smith won second place in the Novice group which added to our victory and entitled us to the team prize, a silver loving cup.

That evening we returned home with light hearts and a gay spirit. The school echoed this spirit of gladness in assembly upon our return with applause and loud cheers. I was especially fortunate because, as I was a first-year student I was entitled

to a free trip to Richmond, all expenses paid by the Underwood Company.

The remainder of the school year was spent in practice. I managed to put in from four to six hours per day including home practice. The Underwood Company sent me a typewriter to use in preparation for the contest which had been especially adjusted for my use.

When school opened again in September, 1930, I had increased my speed about eight words since the close of school. Contest time in Virginia was gradually nearing, so I practiced as much as possible for accuracy rather than for speed.

The day before the date set for leaving, the Underwood salesman came to our school to present me at assembly with a check for a hundred dollars to spend in Richmond. The students and faculty were very enthusiastic about our going and they applauded until I was shivering with nervousness.

The next evening with happy hearts we boarded the parlor car. Soon we sat dreamily watching Springfield's lights melt into the deep-

ening twilight. We talked but little, our minds being occupied by thoughts of the trip ahead and what it would mean to us. At Berlin, the Connecticut champion joined us on board the train. She was accompanied to the station by her school-mates who cheered her and wished her a happy trip.

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MISS NORMA BROGGI

Poems

By VIRGINIA McVEIGH

THROUGH THE AGES

Moonlight cloaks the night in silvery music,
Stars are diamond tiaras for her hair,
Shadows form a gown of soft black velvet,
Her dancing slippers, currents of the air.

Soon, the dance was over and the dawn came,
Soon, the moon and stars began to wane,
Morning breezes heard night whisper softly,
"I am old but go to come again."

LIFE

Bright winsome roses
Showering their fragrance o'er me.
Nodding and beckoning alluringly from
heights above me
Drooping lower, bowing with a breeze.
But as I lift eager hands to pluck them
The breeze passes.
The roses lift proud heads to survey me
cooly
And my fingers are pricked cruelly from
the thorns.

SYMPHONY

Sweeping over hill and lea,
Bowling, twisting shrub and tree,
Yet strangely soothing to my mind,
Moaning, shrieking, comes the wind.

Bursting from those heavenly bowers,
Beating low frail garden flowers,
Pounding 'gainst my window pane,
Rushing, dashing, comes the rain.

Rain and wind may rage their best,
But my troubled soul will rest,
For this pleasant harmony,
Brings sweet and quiet dreams to me.

Editorial

A Championship School

Unexcelled performance or work does not wait long for recognition. Since the fourth year of its life as a school, Agawam High has had champions, and championship teams. Perhaps, this is an unparalleled record of any school beginning its ninth year.

During our eight years, the basketball teams have won in four consecutive years, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, the Twin State Championship. In addition to this, twice the honors at Massachusetts Agricultural College Tournaments were captured. In 1929 the football team and in the same year the baseball team won Twin State Championships.

Our orchestra, which is doing much toward cultivating a finer appreciation of good music in our school, won last May, first prize in Class C at Waltham, and second prize at Pawtucket in June while competing for the New England Prize.

The commercial department has "brought home the fattened pig" many times, winning cups at contests sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Teachers' Association. The Spelling Championship of the Connecticut Valley was brought to Agawam last year by Marguerite Naugel. As a result of the state typing contest in Worcester, the titles of Massachusetts Novice, won by Norma Broggi and of Amateur Champion won by Lorraine Wilson, came to Agawam.

Our own school publication, the *Agawam Mirror*, has achieved wide recognition by winning high honor ratings in the National Scholastic Press Association for the last five years.

But these noteworthy events do not reveal all of the fine work being done in our school. Understanding teachers and co-operating pupils have made possible the winning of championships. Art, literature, and music are closely allied. Skill in technical subjects should be combined with a cultural background. Each department of our school is dependent upon each other and the skill and ability attained in one is put into activity in another.

And what does all this profit us? Were we to follow the champion winners of Agawam High School would we find them not followers but leaders in whatever they have taken as their life work?

Are we becoming boastful of our prowess, of the fine name we have won? Or, are we moving forward, building on this foundation of championship work to even greater achievements? Will we lay this burden of earnest endeavor down, thinking we can go no further, or will we grasp this burden more firmly, saying, "Seek the Highest?"

Florence Bradford.



Our Prize-Winning Orchestra, 1930

Musical Activities

Under the skillful direction of Miss Perry and of Miss Edgell, the cast and chorus of forty school students, presented an interesting operetta, "The China Shop," November 21st, to a large and appreciative audience.

Vera Alvergini, a junior, took delightfully the part of Lotus Blossom, the poor niece of Tannyu, a part well-played by Charles Benoit.

Julius Thormeyer was Sing Fong, son of the illustrious Fat Sing, played by Gordon Johnson. Both deserved the applause of the appreciating audience.

Sylvia Hunter, Hoy Tee Toy, was chaperone of three lovely belles—Ting-A-Ling—Helen Cascella, Ding Dong—Beulah Rivers, Ping Pong—Rita Provost. Miss Hunter showed dramatic ability in acting a difficult part.

Other members of the cast, all of whom suited their parts, were: Byron Brown—Mr. Juscot Karfair, Gordon Johnson—

Chunk, Frank Goss—Wun Tun, James Wright—Mush Lush.

The dancing chorus, directed by Miss Edgell, included Francis Lucardi, Dorothy Geoffrion, Alice Scherpa, Madeline Sullivan, Elaine LaFleche, Mary O'Connor, Ida Ricci.

The prologue was sung by Elaine LaFleche and Francis Lucardi.

The singing chorus consisted of: Dorothy Brown, Ellen Ross, Ruth Couture, Florence Johnson, Martha Burnett, Emma Ricci, Lavini Raisbeck, Dorothy Smith, Helen Casanova, Lydia Pisano, Helen Donaldson, Edith Pisano, Ethel Renton, Mary Barbieri, Della Lamson, Eunice Bitgood, Barbara Halladay, Beatrice Casanova, Everett Pond, Grant Sackett, Franklin Brockett, Francis O'Connor, Francis Colli, Kenneth Brown, Arlen Skinner, Robert Raymond, Antonio Zerra, Joseph Voislow.

The beautiful Chinese Bird of Paradise

which formed the background for Act I was made by Sylvia Hunter. Other talented artists of our school made the screens, couches and the pagoda.

All the colorful costumes were in charge of our director assisted by the Domestic Science Department.

The clever arrangement of the tickets and programs was in charge of the efficient business manager, Francis Montagna.

During the acts, Miss Perry was presented with a fountain pen set the gift of the cast and chorus.

DAMROSH CONCERTS

Mr. Damrosh is giving a splendid course this year. The seventh grade, under Miss Deely's direction, are studying the compositions with the aid of the victrola before they attend the radio concerts.

The eighth grade is doing the same under the direction of Miss Perry.

It is to be deplored that the high school cannot enjoy the same privilege.

LATIN ASSEMBLY

Almost two thousand years ago the city of Rome was glorying in the masterpiece of their most famed poet, Virgil. His "Aneid" showed such great beauty of thought, such harmony, and melody that today it is considered among the best. This year in Latin classes all over the world, students are offering a program in their schools or colleges in commemoration of that great master of verse who lived so long ago but yet wrote so beautifully that today it has lost none of its charm in the eyes of our modern critics.

Because the students of our Latin Classes realized the greatness of this man and his works, they presented in a November assembly a Latin program, "Episode in the Life of Virgil," directed by Miss Miller. It is true that the Latin speeches meant little to some of the audience and that the costumes seemed very strange, but to many students the play brought a realization that time does not change the world's feelings towards a great poet.

THE "AGAWAM MIRROR" STAFF ATTENDS CONVENTION

Eight members of the *Mirror* staff, and the faculty advisor, Miss Button, attended a Convention of the Western Massachusetts League of School Publications at Holyoke High School, Friday, November fourteenth. There were nearly three hundred students at the meeting representing fifteen high schools of the state.

Miss Button, faculty advisor of the *Agawam Mirror*, gave a talk on Experiences with Leagues for School Publications. She showed how our publication has for five years been receiving help from the National Scholastic League sponsored by the University of Minnesota. She urged membership in a large league such as the one to which we belong, for the benefit of the critical survey. She spoke also of the enthusiasm and encouragement that comes from presence at our local league conventions.

At the business meeting, Mr. Chatto, chairman of faculty advisers of the league made an interesting statement regarding Miss Norma Aronson, the first president of the league. She has won the Zona Gale Scholarship at the University of Wisconsin, and is known as guest student of Miss Gale. This is a distinct honor, and the league members are happy it has so deservedly come to Miss Aronson.

The *Agawam Mirror* staff invited the league to hold their next meeting, which will come in January, at the Agawam High School, and this invitation was accepted by the president, Charles Dibble, of Westfield.

After the business session, and the speeches, Round Table discussions were held, concerning the various duties of publishing a school magazine, or paper. Julius Thormeyer acted as leader at the Round Table, where problems of Feature Writing were being considered.

Following these a lunch was served by the Holyoke *Herald* staff, in the High School Cafeteria.

Members of the *Agawam Mirror* staff who attended the convention feel that they have received encouragement through meeting students of other schools and the exchanging of opinions.

ART STUDENTS ACTIVE.

In connection with the presentation of another operetta at Agawam High School, is announced the results of the latest Poster Contest. This is the third year that this contest has been carried on in connection with the operetta. The judges of the contest were Miss Smith, instructor of the Junior High School English, Miss Danahy, principal of the North Agawam Grammar School and Mr. Dacey, instructor of Industrial Arts. The judges awarded first prize to Dorothy Smith, second prize to Marilyn Donaldson, and honorable mention to Andrew Gallano, Sylvia Hunter, Hazel Bennett, James Wright, and John Roos. Because the operetta was Chinese in setting, the posters showed many brilliant colors. This year it was more difficult than ever to select the best poster because there were so many excellent ones submitted for the students show great improvement in their handling of paints.

The following members of the art classes helped in the making of the scenery for "The China Shop": Sylvia Hunter, Dorothy Smith, Francis Montagna, Andrew Gallano, Miss Crowley and the members of Miss Smith's class.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council has recently published a thoroughly revised edition of *The Agawam Guide*. This new edition not only contains a complete Senior High School reference but includes also complete Junior High School data.

THE HI-Y CLUB

For the past year the Agawam Hi-Y Club has been inactive due to a lack of enthusiasm among the members. However, with the coming of a new school year a new group of fellows have reorganized the club. Mr. Solander, secretary of the Hampden County Division of the Young Men's Christian Association is their leader and under his guidance the club is holding meetings every other week in the school library. The club has not yet formed a definite

program but they have an inspiring purpose expressed in their pledge, "To create, to maintain, and to extend throughout my club, my community, and my country, high standards of Christian character."

PRO MERITO

Four members of the Pro Merito Society, Mae Novelli, Nellie Davis, Irene Govoni, and Julius Thornmeyer, with Miss Ward and Miss Smith attended a Pro Merito Society Convention at Easthampton High School. Two hundred boys and girls representing fifteen High Schools of Massachusetts were at the meeting. It was decided during the business session that all members of junior classes receiving Pro Merito rating will be invited to the spring meeting which will be held at Greenfield.

THE DRAMATIC CLUB

The Dramatic Club has resumed its functions this year with the initiation of fourteen new members. With the present large number of members, the Dramatic Club plans to present several plays during the year. At a recent meeting of the Dramatic Club, Mr. Simpson, director of the Players Guild, a dramatic society, gave an excellent talk on the human voice. He accompanied his talk by an illustrative reading of the play "The Little Father of the Wilderness." This play is classed as one of the finest of one-act plays.

EXCHANGES

Last year, the Exchange Department received approximately two hundred and fifty exchanges from fifty-one schools from various parts of the United States and from abroad. Thirty-five of these schools publish magazines.

This year, we are receiving a great many papers and a small number of magazines. In our Mid-Winter Number, exchanges will be acknowledged and commented upon.

We enjoy the reading of these exchanges for they are a source of great help and inspiration and hope that we shall be able to welcome many of our old friends again this year.



Winning Football Squad of 1929-'30

CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

Three champion teams of three sports in one year. How many schools can boast such an enviable record?

Our football team of 1929 defeated Palmer, Ware, and Enfield—thereby winning the championship of the Twin State Conference. The basketball team of the same year won another championship in the same league, for although the team lost one game to Palmer it easily showed its heels to all of the other teams. The high school didn't carry off the honors of the league in baseball but shared equal rights in the possession of the cup as the final standing showed a quadruple tie.

The Football Season

At the first call from Coach Smith for football candidates, about thirty-five courageous looking fellows reported. Three weeks of hard practice were consumed in getting into condition and in polishing up the combinations and assignments, during which time practice games were held with Springfield Technical and with Chicopee High Schools. After this period of concentrated drilling, the Agawam High School was proud to boast such a well organized team—a team full of power and spirit. Under the command of Captain "Jack" Daly, a very capable leader, the team with ten veterans was ready to continue the excellent records of former Orange and Brown football teams, consisting of the following players:

Backs—Wanieuski, Jones, Bodman, Benoit, Fournier, Smith and Brinker.

Ends—Captain Daly, Moseley, Pond, Naciewicz, and Brown.

Tackles—Jenks, Pilch, Parent, H. Raymond, R. Raymond, and Samble.

Guards—Roos, Provost, Brockett, Garcia, Roberts, and Bava.

Centers—Abrams and Rising.

Let's see how they're going—

Pittsfield 6—Agawam 0

September 27th the team journeyed to Pittsfield where they met defeat in the opening game of the schedule at the hands of Pittsfield High School, by a score of 6-0. The contest found two evenly matched teams fighting back and forth waiting for a "break" such as a chance to pounce on a loose fumble or to intercept a forward pass. Then came the "break." With its back to its goal line Agawam tried to punt but an alert opposing lineman broke through and smothered Wanieuski's attempt and recovered on the seven-yard line from where Pittsfield scored a touchdown. The latter part of the game found the boys in the orange jerseys trying to cross that last white stripe but it was all in vain for Pittsfield refused to yield when danger threatened.

Wilbraham Academy 26—Agawam 0

October 4th our high school pitted its football strength against the strong Wilbraham Academy football team. From the early part of the game until the final whistle, Agawam was vainly trying to stop those Wilbraham backs who ran behind well-formed interference. Most of the "breaks" gave the opportunities to Wilbraham. Many times during the game they recovered fumbles and pushed Agawam back into its own territory. Agawam also showed offensive strength but too often as they were driving down the field they fumbled, were penalized, or lost their opportunity. When the final whistle blew, the score showed Wilbraham with a 26-0 victory.

Agawam 18—Enfield 0

October 10, Agawam defeated Enfield at Agawam in the first Twin State football game. In this game both the Agawam offense and defense were functioning properly. In the second period Agawam started its scoring. They drove the enemy deep into its own territory and then a pass from Wanieuski found its mark in the arms of Captain Daly who easily planted the ball behind the goal line. In the last half Agawam came back with two touchdowns. Jenks ploughed through for the first score in that half and Wanieuski hit the line from the three-yard line for the last score. Each try for the extra point failed. The feature of the game was the defensive strength of the Orange and Brown. No first down was registered by Enfield. The final score gave Agawam an 18-0 victory.

Agawam 0—Trade 0

October 17th, Agawam engaged the Trade School of Springfield at Agawam in a hard-fought and scoreless game. Most of the game showed both teams punting back and forth to each other. Towards the latter part of the game from midfield Trade began a march which ended about on the one-inch line—so close was the ball to the goal line.

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Championship Basketball Squad 1929-'30



Winning Baseball Squad 1929-'30

On the last three downs Agawam held on its one-yard line.

Agawam 0—Ware 0

November 1st, Agawam and Ware battled out a scoreless tie. There were very few scoring chances with neither team coming closer than the fifteen-yard line. As the close of the first half was approaching Agawam was advancing rapidly down the field. Jones was getting off a few good runs and a pass to Moseley clicked for a gain of twenty-five yards. Throughout the game neither team could gain ground consistently—so alert were the teams' defenses.

Agawam 7—West Springfield 6

November 6th, Agawam defeated its greatest rival, West Springfield, at the Exposition Grounds by a score of 7-6 before a large crowd, braving the biting wind to witness a struggle between two leading teams. Agawam was the most consistent ground gainer and with the exception of a

drive in the second period, West Springfield played mostly defensive football. In the opening period after a few exchanges of punts, Agawam brought the ball three-quarters the length of the field and Wanieuski put the finishing touches on by hitting the line for a touchdown. In this manner he went over for the winning point. Then in the next period West Springfield put over a touchdown but failed on the extra point. Wanieuski's punting was a feature of the game while Govoni was West Side's best ground gainer.

In this issue of the *Mirror* there is no account of the girls' athletics but in the next publication there will be a special report of the change that is being worked out by the girls' physical director, Miss Marion Edgell, in the system of grading gymnasium work and of directing intramural sports.

By Charles Marsh.



Alumni

Edwin Arnold is at home at present but he is making plans to enter the Civil Service School in Springfield.

Rebelle Vancini has been working in the town office lately.

Vera Brown is staying at home for the present. Tina Fragomeni is also at home.

Grace Brady has returned to school for a post graduate course.

Wedding bells rang out last summer for two members of the graduating class. Ola Campbell is Mrs. Chester Bailey and Marion Cowles is Mrs. Kavanaugh.

Flory Costa and James Reynolds are attending Massachusetts Agricultural College.

Edward Grimes is running a filling station at Agawam Center.

Grace Merrill is working for the *West Springfield News* in the morning and for Dr. G. Hough of Springfield in the afternoon.

Recent visitors to our school from the class of '30 were: Richard Wilson, Flory Costa, Alfred Roy, Jerry Zerra, William Mabb, James Reynolds, from the class of '29, Ruth Renton, Nellie White, Doris Parker, Harry Abell, from the class of '28, George Reynolds and from the class of '25, Maybelle Kennedy.

From a newspaper clipping we learn that Ruth Renton who is teaching at Putney, Vermont, and Nellie White who is teaching at Gilford, Vermont, helped their pupils in the giving of a very pleasing Halloween party.

Students at Bay Path are: Anna King '28 who is taking a stenographic course, Eileen Otto '30 who is taking a one-year secretarial course and Eva Richard '29 is taking a two-year normal course. Miss Richard has written at a net speed of 52 to 58 words per

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Junior High

JUNIOR HIGH CURRENT EVENTS CLUB

The Current Events Club began its seventh year by holding the first meeting early in October. Mrs. Phillips who sponsors the club presided. She explained the aims and purposes of the club which are to promote sociability in the 8th grades in the Junior High School by means of various activities such as dramatics, a Christmas party, a skating and hot dog roast, and picnics, and to develop greater interest in current events of the world, relating to science, history, industry, invention and art through a "Current Events" paper which comes every week to our school.

The second meeting was devoted to nominations of officers for the year. Later ballots containing the names of the various candidates were printed and one was posted on each bulletin in 8th grade rooms. Posters were made boosting the popular candidates and everybody looked forward to the next meeting.

Tuesday, November 4th was election day. Voting booths were arranged conveniently in each precinct.

Each member went to his precinct. As his name was checked off he was handed a ballots, and then went to the booth where he voted for his favorite candidate.

The next day the ballots were counted and the result was as follows: President, John Schutt, 8-1; Vice-President, Earle Provost, 8-2; Secretary, Constance Lavoie, 8-1; Treasurer, Barbara Phelps, 8-1; Social Committee Chairman, Marion Schwartz, 8-3.

Miss Dorothy Smith directed the little play, "Episodes in the Life of Columbus" presented by the seventh grade of the Junior High School. All the players took their parts well. Columbus was played by Harry Stocker who put sufficient feeling into the part to show the Dramatic Club, which is always on the watch for dramatic

ability, that they would not be without talent in the future.

THE RECONDITIONING OF THE FRIGATE "CONSTITUTION"

"Aye, tear her tattered ensign down!" Oliver Wendell Holmes said this to save this boat from being torn apart and used for firewood. Holmes said in his poem, "Tow her out to sea and let her sink and have a watery grave!"

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Many schools contributed to a fund to rebuild this frigate and in March, 1930, work was started and in July, the "Constitution" made its first journey across Boston Harbor.

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Every town and city where it is possible to receive this ship, should give it a hearty welcome and make it a memorable occasion.

John F. Schutt, 8-1.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP CLUB

A Good Citizenship Club has been formed in connection with the Civics' Classes. The purpose of this club is to develop character habits.

The following topics will be discussed:

- I. A Moral Code.
- II. Code of Sportsmanship.
- III. Personality Records.
- IV. Strong Character Traits from the Business World.
- V. Things which are Fundamental to Good Citizenship.

The officers elected at the first meeting of the club were: President, Andrew Galano, 8-4; Vice-President, Marion Schwartz, 8-3; Secretary and Treasurer, Ada Goss, 8-3.



Quite Solid

Miss Smith (in Trig): "Now this example is much like one in Solid Geometry."

R. C.: "I know it. It's too solid for me to see through it."

Bow-wow

When a hot dog fell from a stick into the fire at a recent French Club roast, the following remark was heard:

K. Wright: "Dog-gone!!"

Information from History Examination Papers

1. Lloyd George is king of England.
2. After the Battle of Trafalgar, Napoleon escaped to France to shave his country.
3. Vulgar was the god of fire and forge.
4. Diameter was the goddess of Agriculture.

Good Riddance

In chemistry class, Mr. Hadley was boiling some mercury.

R. P.: "Aren't those mercury fumes poison?"

Mr. Hadley. "Yes, what shall I do? Get a gas mask?"

R. P.. "No, don't bother."

Partiality?

Miss Lilly (speaking to Seniors): "If any of you are missing rulers I would like to know, because I have found that the Freshmen have taking ways."



Premature Tears

G. Johnson (at pep meeting in assembly). "Now, let's all give three tears for the football team!"

Party?

Mr. Quirk (Physiology class): "If you had cucumbers, sausage, griddle cakes, coffee, ice cream and molasses candy for breakfast, what kind of a breakfast would that be?"

O'Connor: "That's not breakfast; that's a party."

Slow Progress

Miss Button: "And after fourteen years of using the English language you can't express your ideas!"

Cesan: "But, Miss Button, you can't blame her much; it took the human race one hundred and fifty years to learn to milk a cow from the side rather than from the rear."

Relation?

Overheard at a football game.

"Who's that guy?"

"Oh, that's Parent! You know—Father, Mother, Parents."

What's the Use.

Miss Smith: "I want you people to learn to row your own boats!"

H. Madden: "Yes? But what's the use—why not use motor boats?"

Remarkable Discovery.

A pirate's chest was discovered in the gold bug.

Senior Shorthand Class

Teacher. "What is a kid, Francis?"

F. M.. "It's a kind of bird, isn't it?"

Beggar: "Could yer help a poor guy dat's starvin'?"

Pompous Lady: "You should remove your hat while talking to a lady."

Beggar: "I can't mum, it's full of sandwiches!"—*Hi News.*

Mr. O'Brien: "Go to the door, Hatch, there is someone knocking."

Hatch (opening the door): "There is no one here."

Coolidge: "It must have been the 'School Spirit.'"—*The Little Red Schoolhouse.*

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At New York, an Underwood representative came to the New York Central Station to meet us. After a brief walk on Fifth Avenue we returned to the station where we met many Novice Champions and were introduced to several other Champions. Among these were Chester Soucek, a former World's Amateur Champion and Remo Poulsen, Novice Champion for 1927 who was this year trying for the Amateur Championship open to any former Novice Champion. I was entering among those trying for the latter Championship.

The trip to Richmond was uneventful. At last our train came to a stop in the Richmond, Virginia, station. We all left for the hotel by taxi. The Jefferson Hotel employees are mostly negroes and the spacious lobby has a very southern aspect of beauty. In the lobby I got my first glimpse of "Pop", J. N. Kimball, the author of all the Underwood Typewriting Tests. Here also, I saw for the first time the world's fastest woman typist, Stella Willins, who was talking to Albert Tangora, a former World's Champion. George M. Hossfield, World's Champion and his wife were also among the group. In other words, that small group of people were the heroes of the typewriting world.

At ten in the morning we all met in the lobby where each state representative was given a blue and maroon colored banner to hold during the parade which would follow. The World's Champions headed the procession behind the band which heralded our coming. Two Virginians carried a banner which said "Virginia Welcomes Visiting Champions." Our first destination was the Virginia State House where Governor Pollard gave a wonderful address of welcome. The Mayor also greeted us and shook hands with the World's Champions. I would have enjoyed it all immensely if it had been cooler. It was 95 degrees in the shade that day.

That evening a dinner was given in our honor by the Underwood Typewriter Company. Each executive and champion was introduced to us in turn. When Mr. Kimball was called upon to give a short talk he merely stood up and blew his contest whistle and sat down again. I think he did not wish to prove his statement that

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DE STROSS
SAW BIM
TALKING TO
MRS. TOM CARR
IN THE DRUG
STORE YOU
COULD HAVE
KNOCKED HER
OVER WITH A
PEANUT SHELL—

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SHE TOLD
MILLIE—
SHE WARNED
HER—
BUT NO—
MILLIE KNEW
EVERYTHING—
BIM WAS CRAZY
OVER HER—
HE WAS SAFE—
SHE WOULD
TAKE HER
TIME—

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INTO THE DRUG STORE—WHO DID I
SEE SITTING THERE EATING ICE CREAM
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WITH A WOMAN—
NOW—YOUNG LADY—
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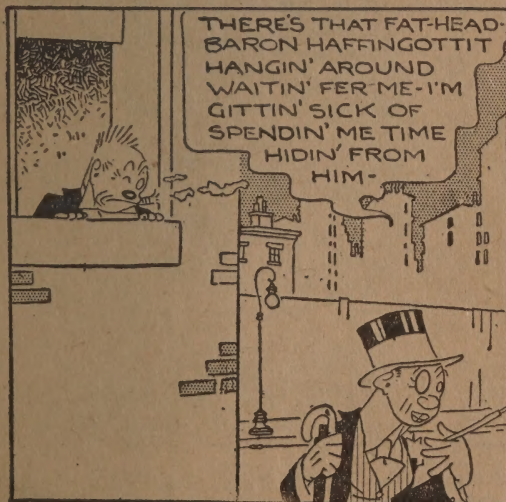
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Agawam Arrow Hoopmen Enjoyed Much Success On Polished Surface During the Past Season



Above is pictured the Agawam Arrow basketball team which compiled a good record against other amateur teams in this section during the past hoop season. Back row, left to right: R. Nacewicz, S. Nacewicz, E. Arnold, J. Sleich, A. Adams. Front row, same order: Winiewski, S. Demarski, E. Pilch.

"the desert is as dry as an after-dinner speaker."

That evening I learned that business schools had been allowed to enter the contest, providing they had entered the contests in their own states. Rumors went about that either the Californian, the Canadian, or the Oklahoma champion would probably be the Novice World Champion. These rumors were a bit disheartening, to say the least.

Thursday morning Miss McIntire and I went to the Shrine Mosque where we novices took several fifteen-minute tests. When I first sat down to type I was very nervous for I had never been surrounded by so many fast typists. The other contests which I had attended were as nothing compared to this one. All contestants seemed so confident, so serene! I made up my mind that I would follow their example and not let the other typists bother me. I felt elated to think that we were on the same platform with the World's Champions. As I watched them typewrite I breathed a prayer that I might some day hold a candle to them.

In the afternoon "news talkies" were taken of the champions. The Novice champions were not included in the picture although we were there. We were too far back to show in the picture and all we did was to clang typewriter bells to produce effect in the talking picture.

Perhaps when you go to the moving pictures you will see the demonstration given by J. N. Kimball and Remo Poulsen. Mr. Kimball demonstrated "how we did it in 1880" while Miss Poulsen showed "how we do it in 1930." A little boy who stood beside Mr. Kimball's chair asked innocently, "Say, mister, did you beat that lady?"

Friday we awoke in high spirits and hailed a taxi to take us to the Mosque for more practice. The carpenter was at work adjusting chair, table and typewriter of each contestant. I took one fifteen-minute test and did fairly well. Then we returned to the hotel, for too much practice just before a contest is not a good policy. At dinner, we were requested to eat lightly. Mr. Hossfield was sitting at one of the tables near us

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and I stole furtive glances at him while he ate his meal. I noticed that he had ordered only a bowl of soup and a slice of honeydew melon which he ate very slowly. He knew that a heavy meal is not conducive to swift, accurate typewriting. His position as expert speed operator for the Underwood Company is very important to him besides the honor of being World's Champion Typist.

At a quarter to seven we rode directly to the Mosque and made preparations for the contest. The heat was almost unbearable and my hands were perspiring very much. As Mr. Kimball gave the last minute instructions, everyone was requested to leave the platform except contestants. A thrill of fear crept through my veins and nearly chilled my fingers. I was seized with the temptation to run away. Finally, up went the curtain! An ocean of faces glared at us. Suspense! Then the shrill whistle to start. At the deafening roar of the audience, I made a false start; then I began typing in earnest. The whistles of boys and the brain-racking applause caused my brain to whirl. My concentration slackened and I made errors. I was panic-stricken. Why couldn't I keep my mind on what I was doing? At intervals, I seemed to have regained control and then another error. Would the fifteen minutes never end? At last the whistle blew to stop and we hurried off the stage for the Amateurs and World's Champions were still typewriting. Then we settled down to correcting each other's papers. We could not tell whose we were correcting for they were numbered instead of having the names written on them. After this was done we took several one-minute tests.

Soon the teachers came to congratulate their pupils, but I didn't see my teacher. At that moment I felt that there was no hope as to having made a decent record. This was silly, of course, but at such moments one often jumps to conclusions.

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Very listlessly I listened to the announcements of the winners. Canada had won both first and second prizes while the Oklahoma Champion came in third and because he was the only winner from the United States was presented with the Alfred E. Smith cup, the United States Championship Cup. Miss Remo Poulsen won first place in the Amateur group and George Hossfield again held the World's Championship, writing one hundred and thirty-three net words per minute for one hour. On the way back to the hotel, Miss McIntire told me that she had seen my paper and that I had made seventy-one net words per minute. I felt like crying and laughing at the same time, my relief was so great. The report which we received that night showed that I was thirteenth in a list of thirty-five students.

My humble record did not discourage me from continued trying. Instead, it had brought new strength and determination. If some people achieve success, why can't I?

The days which followed were like cream on a baked apple.

We spent two days sight-seeing in and around Washington. What interested me most was our visit to the Franciscan Monastery. I believe that there must be an altar there for every saint in heaven and every one of them is very beautifully colored and carved. Outside, on the grounds are the Grotto of Lourdes and the Tomb of the Blessed Virgin, which are the exact reproductions of the original ones. Inside, we visited the Catacombs where many of the ancient martyrs are depicted. It seemed as though we were travelling in a world alien to our own and we were very reluctant to leave.

Sunday evening we took the sleeper for Springfield. When finally its city hall tower loomed before our eyes, it seemed as though we had been gone a long, long time and had become very learned and wise. I am sure that that trip was worth to us as much as a course in History and one in Geography. It is so much more interesting to see where History has been made than it is to study it from a book!

The only regret we had about the trip was that we could not stay long enough to acquire a southern accent to take home with us as a souvenir.

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minute on the Royal and Underwood typewriters in fifteen minute speed tests.

Allen Filley '28, Mary Bruso '28, Kathleen Grimes '30, and Walter Bodman '30 are working at Massachusetts Mutual.

Marie Hewey '28 and Mabel Johnson '28 are at the Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Alfred Gelstharf, Jr. '24 has recently been appointed a Charlotte Elizabeth Professor in Classics at Princeton University.

Agawam is proud to hear that John Pedulla a sophomore at Tufts College has been elected president of his class after one of the closest elections in a number of years. He has been elected to the Sword and Shield, a sophomore honorary society.

Eunice Perrigo of the class of '28 was recently married to Newton Lewis of London, Conn.

THE YOUNGEST

How I love your eyes of blue
Dark brown curls and red lips, too.
With your firm little dimpled chin
Everyone knows you're out to win.

It really is an awful shame
To let you get by without any blame.
You get into mischief all the day
But, you're the baby, and we do what you say.

V. McV. '31

SUNSET IN AUTUMN

Cold, yellow and green streaks
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